

An Ancient Hovering Presence

cars spin past the house
pinwheel chariots winding up for
the leap to the top of the circus tent

wind snaps thru the cracks
with the sudden sureness of knife throwers

night fur is deftly being
molded into a mask

barely distinguishable, an
enormous face looks me in the eye

my skeleton jolts from my body
grabbing for a trapeze that isn't there.

Self-Support

an ordinary airplane
slides over the rug of clouds,
no golden wires suspending
it from the ceiling of
the Smithsonian Institute.

it is ordinary
but I can still say
"I love you" to it, traveling
as effortless as a moth, as
smooth as the shore's
last sandprints before night.

I pretend this airplane
contains all my cargo
& in so pretending my overhead
becomes vapor & my life
becomes suspended by golden
wires from within my heart.

A Cellular Song

-- for baby Molly

One keeps saying
the same thing
over and over
a little different each time
until
it is the complete opposite.

There is the solar system
in my neighborhood:

Jupiter Street, Saturn Street,
Mars ...

We take a bath
on Saturday
stepping out of the tub
with smooth moonflesh.

It all happens this way, Molly,
something is seen
something is done
and after awhile we
know it so well
it becomes something different
each time.

The world
is as young as you are --
your body will grow
but your cells will
remain the same size.

The water in the tub
drains under the solar system
in unopened veins, but
we saw it once
coming out of the faucet
splashed in it
and we will see it again
as the ocean
or when it rains.

The neighborhood will grow
our smooth flesh will crinkle
things will gurgle
down the drain
and reappear as something else
but
cells remain the same size.

-- Douglas Blazek

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